

House Resolution No. 4470

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Charles H. Bentlage, MD, recently enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishment when he was selected to receive a 2007 Missourian Award by the American Heart Association; and

Whereas, Dr. Bentlage graduated from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia with an MD in 1959, in the upper ten percent of his class and as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society; and

Whereas, Dr. Bentlage enlisted in the United States Air Force as a medical student, and his year of internship was at Wilford Hall U.S. Air force Hospital in San Antonio, where he was selected the Outstanding Intern in his class of twenty-five interns, and he remained at the same medical center for a four-year General Surgery Residency; and

Whereas, later Dr. Bentlage became a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and after tours of duty as an Air Force Surgeon in Alaska and Illinois, Dr. Bentlage left active duty; and

Whereas, since 1970, Dr. Bentlage has resided in Joplin and practiced general surgery, and he was president of the Medical Staff of Freeman Hospital in 1973, St. John's Regional Medical Center in 1978, and the Southwest Missouri Chapter of the American College of Surgeons in 1981, and in 1996, a large medical building on the Freeman Campus, the C.H. Bentlage Medical Center, was named in his honor; and

Whereas, Missourian Awards nominees have made an outstanding contribution to the state or nation in the areas of civics, business, education, politics, or the arts by dedicating their lives to improving the quality of life in this state through diligent work and charitable ideals; and

Whereas, past Missourian Awards winners have included George Washington Carver, General Omar Bradley, Thomas Hart Benton, Walter Cronkite, President Harry S Truman, General John J. Pershing, Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, and Walt Disney; and

Whereas, Missourian Awards have been presented annually for fourteen years by the American Heart Association to acknowledge the most accomplished citizens of the state of Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Bentlage for a 2007 Missourian Award from the American Heart Association; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Charles H. Bentlage, MD.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4470, adopted August 16, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker